

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Curricula & Courses
Minutes of the 11 September, 2001 Meeting
3:30pm in Room 162, the Dodd Center

Members present: R. Henning, Psyc (Chair); F. Costigliola, Hist; E. Cromley, Geog; G. Leibowitz, Math; J. Linnekin, Anth; J. Manning, Engl; C. Teschke, MCB; T. Bontly, Phil; A. Dashevsky, Soc; R. Vitale, Stat; V. Makowsky, CLAS. E. Schultz, EEB (guest).

1. Preliminaries: a. Chair Rob Henning called the meeting to order at 3:37pm.

b. Manning was appointed secretary *pro tem*.

c. The minutes of the 15 May, 2001 meeting were approved with minor changes touching upon details of certain proposals, which the chair was authorized to conclude, namely:

#2001-92 referred back to the departments involved for comment;

#2001-102 needed confirmation of the course title;

#2001-115 needed textual confirmation of certain amendments.

2. Old Business: None, except that continuing discussion of proposed GER changes was deferred until later in this meeting.

3. New Business:

a. Changes to the Environmental Science major requirements. Prof. Eric Schultz, EEB, outlined efforts currently under way to reform the requirements of this interdepartmental/intercollegiate major, of which Profs. Schultz & David Schroeder (CANR) are co-directors. Proposals emerging from this undertaking will be reported to the committee at a later date. One preliminary change was proposed for immediate action:

2001-128: Add PLSC 250, Soils, to the Environmental Science major requirements as an option in the Terrestrial Systems category. Approved.

4. GER Reform: Chair Henning reported on the summer work of the sub-committee (Breen, Bontly, Costigliola, Henning, Knox, Makowski, Manning, Moore, and O'Donnell), which met several times, and consequent meetings at which committee representatives (Henning, Makowsky & O'Donnell) discussed concerns of the college faculty with the chancellor and others. Outcomes of this summer work included the agreement of the Senate Executive Committee to regulate the pace of senate debate and to divide consideration of the GER proposal's components to ensure opportunity for this faculty's views to be heard. Letters from this committee to the chancellor (12 June) and the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (17 July) were specifically referenced.

The committee agreed the need to advise CLA&S faculty senators of issues related to the GER proposal, and to emphasise the urgent need for their informed spokespersonship at senate meetings.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm. Next meeting 2 October.

Respectfully submitted,

J J Manning, English

Secretary *pro tem*.